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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

Tracfone informs me that the FCC is considering increasing the Universal Service Fee.

I bought my Tracfone for emergencies. I called when my car broke down in the middle of an intersection. I called when I accidentally got on the wrong train and wanted folks to know I'd be late. I make maybe one call a month with it. It's bad enought that I pay 50 cents a minute for a local call. If you want to add a \$1 tax on top of that fee, that makes this one call extremely expensive. Please don't increase this already expensive service.

Very poor countries that never had hard-wired phones are able to provide cell phones at reasonable fees. There is no purpose served to make cell phone service more difficult in our country. Please do not increase this tax.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members